

**Item 20.****Parking - Mobility Parking - Macquarie Street, Sydney**

TRIM Container No.: 2022/530676

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the western side of Macquarie Street, Sydney between the points 58.5 metres and 74.1 metres south of Hunter Street as "4P Mobility Parking Only 6am-6pm Ambulance Vehicles Excepted" & "4P Ticket 6-10pm".

**Voting Members for this Item**

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Object</b>
City of Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]
Transport for NSW	[Insert]	[Insert]
NSW Police –Sydney City PAC	[Insert]	[Insert]
Representative for the Member for Sydney	[Insert]	[Insert]

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting

**Background**

The City has received multiple requests to increase the number of mobility parking spaces in Macquarie Street to improve on-street parking access for patients with a mobility parking permit to nearby medical facilities.

## Comments

The kerb space on the western side of Macquarie Street, where the changes are proposed, is currently signposted as "No Parking 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7am-2.30pm Sat Ambulance Vehicles Excepted", "Loading Zone Ticket 7am-6pm Mon-Fri 7-10am Sat" and "4P Ticket 6-10pm Mon-Fri 10am-10pm Sat 8am-10pm Sun & Public Holidays".

To improve on-street mobility parking access for patients visiting nearby medical facilities, it is proposed to reallocate parking as "4P Mobility Parking Only 6am-6pm Ambulance Vehicles Excepted" and "4P Ticket 6-10pm". The parking restrictions will apply seven days a week.

The proposed parking changes would improve access to nearby medical facilities for those who are unable to walk or take public transit. The 4-hour time limit will increase turnover of these spaces while still providing sufficient time for most medical procedures.

Macquarie Street between Hunter Street and Martin Place is designated for two-way traffic flow with an approximate width of 13.2 metres. The road and footway grades are generally flat adjacent to the proposed parking space.

The Australian Standard for on-street mobility parking (AS 2890.5 – 2020) requires spaces to be 7.8 metres long and 3.2 metres wide. The width of the existing parking bay is 2.9 metres and there is currently no road space to increase the width of the parking lane. Considering speeds on Macquarie Street are limited to 40km/h and the spaces are currently utilised by people with mobility parking permits, it is recommended that the spaces be designated for mobility parking.

The City will investigate installing ramps at this site should the proposal be installed.

## Consultation

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 178 letters sent out with one response supporting the proposal and no responses opposing the proposal.

The submission supports the introduction of mobility parking spaces but has requested consideration for the spaces to be reallocated as timed ticket parking spaces on weekends. The submission commented that majority of health services in Macquarie Street are closed on weekends, reducing the need for mobility parking during these times.

The mobility parking spaces are proposed on weekends to improve on-street parking access for visitors to the area. The City will monitor usage of the mobility parking spaces and make changes if they are underutilised during weekends. General ticket parking spaces are available between 6pm and 10pm seven days a week.

## Financial

Funds are available in the current budget.

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